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## FRESHMAN PRESIDENT VICTIM OF GHASTLY ELEVATOR ACCIDENT

Lysander A. French Barely Escapes Death In  
Geology Building. Investigation Ordered

Lysander Abelard French, president of the freshman class, was seriously injured when the elevator in the Geology building turned turtle on the eleventh floor yesterday afternoon. Dr. Draper reports that his condition is very grave but that he will probably recover. Mr. French was removed this morning to the hospital at Toano and will be operated upon some time in the near future. The surgeon at the hospital expressed the fear that French would probably be maimed for life and would certainly not be able to return to College this session.

### BADLY DONE UP

Mr. French sustained severe injuries to his major carotid adrenals, while two of the limphoid tracheids were severed at the base. In addition the decussation of the superior Graafian follicle was severely superimposed upon the fissure of Rolando. Minor injuries to the external chromosome and the endocardaic hemoglobin were revealed upon subsequent examination. Mr. French was carried to his room, bleeding profusely from the os innominatum and the cuneatus.

### FACULTY INVESTIGATES

Upon learning of the accident Mr. Robt. M. Hughes, chairman of the Board of Visitors, telegraphed President Tyler to commence an investigation forthwith. Booney Potlicker, the attendant in charge of the elevator at the time, is being held and charged with criminal negligence. Mr. Buchephalus French, father of the young man, was summoned by wire and arrived this morning. Needless to say, he is fearfully grieved over the accident.

The result of the investigation will be made public at a later date.

Extra copies of the Yellow Edition—10 cents. (Advertisement.)

### PROF. BLOXTON SICK

Prof. W. M. A. Bloxtan, of the Academy faculty, was confined to his room several days last week with an attack of grip. He is now able to meet classes, but has not fully recovered from the effects of his illness.

YELLOW EDITION COMING!

## DORMITORY QUINT WINS FROM OUT-IN-TOWN TEAM. 43--17

Brown's Cohorts Walk Away With Amusing  
Game. Dormitory Grub Cause of Victory

The dormitory basketball team wiped up the gymnasium floor with a quint composed of students residing out in town. The victory scores a point in favor of Mr. W. T. Brown's grub at the mess-hall. A high protein diet is vindicated, and the dormitory students now see that if not palatable, their fare is at least conducive to prime physical trim and well suited to athletes in training. The victorious team had calories to burn while their opponents soon became fatigued, due doubtless to overindulgence in pie, terrapin stew and ice cream.

The game from whistle to whistle was marked by long shots of Bertschey and Gayle, while the town team was unable to negotiate even a respectable minority. The feature of the game was Bertschey's injury to an unmentionable portion of his anatomy and his graceful turkey-trot exit. Bertschey, Gayle and Rothwell starred for the dorm team but the town aggregation was unable to muster a single player of merit.

### BASKETBALL MONOGRAMS

At a meeting of the Athletic Council Friday afternoon basketball monograms were awarded to the members of the College quint. Manager Jones, Gayle, Bertschey, Zion and Zehmer were given the Athletic Emblem. By action of the Council the secretary was instructed to communicate with Capt. Turner, who has been ill, and express the regrets of the Association that he was unable to lead his team through the larger portion of its schedule.

Coming, the Yellow Edition.

### DR. RITCHIE COMPLIMENTED

Dr. John Woodside Ritchie, of the department of Biology at the College, received a letter Saturday from the Rockefeller Institute in New York. In it the writer paid high tribute to the books in Dr. Ritchie's Health Series and asked him to lend his services as editor of the works on the hookworm disease which the Institute is preparing to publish. Prof. Ritchie's work on another project prevents him from accepting the offer.

## COLLEGE TO HAVE NEW DINING HALL. OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON CAMPUS

Increased Dormitory Accommodations. Summer Session Bill Killed by Legislature.

News was received by the College authorities Saturday that the William and Mary appropriation for the new fiscal year was finally compromised at \$66,500. In addition to the regular maintenance appropriation of \$40,000, the surplus provides for improvements as follows: For a new dining hall and kitchen combined, \$14,700; to make alterations to convert present dining hall into rooms for students, \$5,000; repairs for Taliaferro building, \$5,500; for furniture for new rooms, \$1,500.

### NEW DINING HALL-KITCHEN

The new dining hall fills a want that has been felt here for a considerable time. The location of the new building has not been definitely decided upon, but it will probably be on the south side of the Jamestown road, either on the corner now occupied by the College book store, or on the knoll between the Taliaferro building and the power plant. The kitchen will be equipped with all modern cooking apparatus, the cooking to be done with live steam. All sanitary appliances will be installed and the kitchen will be up-to-date in every detail.

### INCREASED ACCOMMODATIONS

By the conversion of the space now used for dining hall and kitchen into rooms, 46 additional students will be accommodated. This will relieve in a measure the congestion in the dormitories, though it will not satisfy the demand for dormitory accommodations, which is far in excess of the supply of the same. New furniture also will be purchased.

The Taliaferro building will be remodelled, running water installed in each room and a bathroom built into the basement of the building. This will make the freshman building fully as desirable a dwelling as the Brafferton and Ewell buildings.

### SUMMER SESSION KILLED

The bill providing \$2,500 for a summer session at Dublin was defeated, despite the repeated efforts of Mr. O. L. Jordan, of that city to see it through. The only remaining hope of conducting a school this summer now rests with Mr. Stearns, superintendent of public instruction. It is said that Mr. Stearns is interested in the William and Mary summer school and it is hoped that through his aid the work begun in summer work may be continued this year.

## BASEBALL SQUAD AT WORK. DAILY PRACTICE REVEALS GOOD MATERIAL

F. R. Savage, Coach of the 1911 Championship  
Nine, Secured to Aid In Training Squad

After being interrupted by the snow storm of last week, baseball practice has now been resumed with the prospect of favorable weather for a considerable period. Batting and fielding work occupy the greatest part of the practice period. Base-running and other fine points of the game will be taken up as soon as conditions warrant.

### FIRST GAME SATURDAY

With the first game of the season only four days off the coaches are hard pressed and are making the best of the precious moments. They predict that when the umpire calls "Play ball!" the team will be in condition to give a good account of itself. The 58th Co., C. A. C., of Fortress Monroe, will be the first team to appear on Cary Field. This same nine was defeated last year, score 1-0 in a five inning game that was interrupted by a sudden down-pour of rain.

### NEW COACH

Mr. F. R. Savage, who coached the championship team of 1911, appeared at yesterday's practice and will assist Coach Draper in handling the large squad. Mr. Savage's experience and knowledge of the game make him a valuable acquisition to the coaching staff and the news of his engagement was welcomed by all the enthusiasts at the College and in town.

### PROMISING MATERIAL

The squad shows much promise, there being six veterans about which to form a team. Capt. Peachy at short, Tucker at third, Coombs behind the bat, Jones and Shiers in the gardens and Addington, Garnett and Shackelford in the box have all reported. In addition, Gayle, Rothwell, Morisette, Bertschey, Wallace, Coffield, Page and Newton have displayed sufficient "class" to warrant watching. Almost all of last year's scrub team are out and will push the new candidates.

Are you prepared for the "Yellow Hat?"

### EPHATA

The date of the literary society debating contests is April 4th instead of the 14th as announced in the Flat Hat of last week.



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### THE STATE APPROPRIATION

Friends of the College will be pleased to learn of the recent appropriations for improvements about the Campus. The need of these changes has been felt for a long time, especially in the case of a new dining hall and increased dormitory accommodations.

The Board of Visitors, however, seems not to be proceeding along the proper lines in the matter of the upbuilding of the College. The time is not far distant when the necessity for a NEW dormitory building will be patent to the Board. It seems from one view that the moneys expended in tinkering up the present old buildings might better be held and augmented in the near future to a sum sufficient to erect an up-to-date edifice. The best way to repair the present dormitories is to remove them and replace them with a new one. When this is done it will be seen that the money now being put into repairs is a total waste.

The growth of the College is being hindered by the lack of dormitory accommodations. The present changes mean only momentary relief from this present condition. When a dormitory building is erected with accommodations for at least 300 men, the College will respond with an increased enrollment that

will more than vindicate the expenditure involved.

Along these lines, then, lies the course that will result in the growth and upbuilding of the College.

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### NOT "PROVEN"

Is not the best of speeches marred by even a solitary bad usage? One blemish in some of the speeches delivered in the recent debate held here was the use of the word "proven." It is inevitable that the past participle of "prove" will occur in a debate, and it now seems that the use of this form of the participle is equally certain of employment. Yet it is bad English. True, many well educated people use the word, but what of that? "He don't" and "didn't" are extant in the language of educated classes. Ben Jonson tells us that "the most certain mistress of language is the consent of the learned," and this consent implies the use of the majority of the best writers and speakers. Now that "proved" and not "proven" is "the consent of the learned" except in two cases: it is used in poetry and in the verdict "not proven" in Scots Law. "Not proven" (according to the Cent. Dict.) is a verdict rendered by a jury in a criminal case when the evidence is insufficient to justify conviction, yet strong enough to warrant grave suspicion of guilt. Banish "proven" to your poetic and jurisprudential vocabulary.

V. E. G. E.

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### Apologies to E. W. W.

It's easy enough to be pleasant  
When life flows along like a song,  
But the man worth while  
Is the guy who can smile,  
When Dr. Hall pulls that punk joke  
about Miss Sally Hipkins for  
the 98th time this session.

### QUARTET IN DEMAND

The manager of the College Quartet has received numerous letters from various parts of the state requesting concerts. The work of the members of the organization will not permit of their absentsing themselves too much, and it has been necessary to refuse most of the offers. Several trips, however, have been arranged, among them one to Burkville and Amelia on the first and second of April. Mr. A. W. James, an alumnus now teaching in Richmond, was in town Saturday and Sunday, and tried to make arrangements for an entertainment at his school, but the matter has not been definitely decided. It is much regretted that the quartet was compelled to abandon their projected trip to Eastern Shore, where they were asked to return after their Thanksgiving trip.

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The editor of the Hat was much surprised, when in yesterday's mail, he received a copy of the yellow edition of the "Tulane Weekly" of New Orleans. The sheet is yellow in color and in content. The yellow Hat will be like unto it, only more so. Wit, humor, sarcasm, scandal, invective, etc., etc., will be fed up to innocent subscribers in large doses. The staff has already purchased railroad tickets to Saskatchewan where they will take refuge until the odor of the Yellow Edition is somewhat diluted.

Your subscription refunded if you are disappointed in the Flat Hat's Yellow Edition.

**GAYLE BASKETBALL MANAGER**

R. B. Gayle was elected manager of the 1914-15 basketball team, at a meeting of the Athletic Association last night. Mr. Gayle played at center on the quint this year and established an enviable record. The election is a tribute to his services on the team. The meeting was the largest held by the Association this year, almost a hundred members being present.

**NOTICE**

Some person left a gray overcoat in my rooms some time ago. Unless it is called for by the end of the week it will be sold for storage charges.

J. L. TUCKER.

**SEASON TICKETS ON SALE**

Manager Tucker, of the baseball team, has placed season tickets on sale. Men's tickets, \$2.50; ladies' tickets, \$2.00; card admitting lady and gentleman, \$3.50. These can be had from any of the agents about the Campus.

**SPRING MILLINERY**

The spring season was officially ushered in last week by Messrs. Zion and Hedrick when they appeared upon the streets of the Ancient Capital in new straw bonnets. The hats are made of Assyrian straw, "merryw.d" shaped, and trimmed with orange. The appearance of these latest Paris creations gave rise to a considerable stir among the young ladies of the city and the transatlantic cable has been kept hot with orders for dozens upon dozens of these new "chapeaux."

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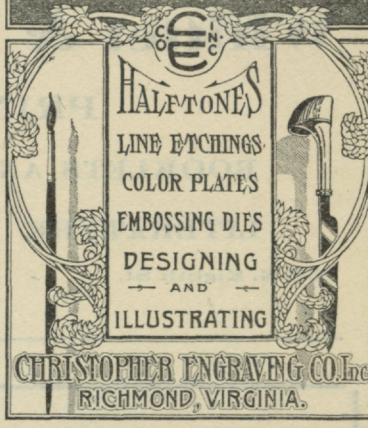
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About Babes. For further information concerning them see Profs. Crawford and Wilson.

Mr. Smith was once usher at a wedding and there he met a very pretty bridesmaid, whom in his own language he described as one who had eyes like "mystic stars enchanting you into deep, deep valleys of wonderland." Whether that means blue or pink I don't know, as I was never much on eyes. Well, this maid with the mystic eyes and Smith began to talk about the wedding, which was quite natural, as they were particeps criminis to the deed. She with the mystic eyes said softly, "Mr. Smith, wasn't it too bad about that child crying in church during the ceremony?"

"It certainly was," chimed Smithy still in those mystic valleys of wonderland, "when we get married," continued he, crushing her in his arms, "you had better put on the invitations: 'No babies expected.'"

Some announcements. Read and grow wise.

The Tappa Keg fraternity will meet with Sister Barnes. Those expected to attend are Skip Whitley, Parker, O'Neill, G. B. Geddy, the Tuckers and Rev. Frey. All night session.

Prof. Ferguson will lecture to his class in psychology on "The Feminine Mind." The lecture will be devoted to personal reminiscences. Everyone invited to attend.

Prof. Snow will explain to his class in chemistry the uses of CCHHHHH H.\*

Dr. Hall will publish his new book entitled "How the Anglo-Saxon Verb Grew Strong."

The editor of the Infamous Weekly wishes to announce that he intends to compete with Shakespear, Milton, B itzer, Aristides\* and Pluto and all the rest of the poetic ginks and declares that whoever does not believe that his poetic creations are better than those poetic highbrows, he will make him drink two gallons of old Bernard. For contemporaneous literature on Old Bernard, see O'Neill and Buzzy Parker.

Facts about a Maid and Fido.

There was a young maid in Hocking Who on her chamber door kept knocking;

"Alas!" she chirped, "I can't come out,

For Fido ran off with my—\*\*\*

The history of a little pig. S. P. C. A. take notice.

There was a little pig of Kildare Who went up the Science Hall stair, But Prof. Ritchie took a peep

At the little piggy's vocal apparatus Weep, weep for the poor pig of Kildare.

The editor of the Weekly desires to inform the public that next week has seven days and begins on Sunday.

The "Infamous" column of the Yellow Edition will be a co-ker. (Adv.)

Notes—

\* For further interpretation of this mystic sign see Henry Billups.

\*\* The editor of the Infamous Weekly doesn't know whether Alcibides or Pluto wrote poetry, but if they didn't they should have.

\*\*\* We suppose this blank is for over-shoes. One can't go out without them this weather.

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